

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1-11. (canceled)
12. (withdrawn) A method to use a tire hanger with a vehicle hoist to support a vehicle tire, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger having a first end and a second end with a hook, the method comprising:
- engaging the first end configured to attach with the horizontal member to the horizontal member whereby the hook is disposed upwards;
 - moving the tire hanger along the horizontal member until the hook is adjacent to the mounted tire;
 - removing the mounted tire from the vehicle, and
 - positioning the tire to engage the hook through the axel hole of the tire to hold the tire.
13. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 12, wherein the first end is substantially U-shaped to extend around and secure the tire hanger in place to the horizontal member and the hook is substantially the same height as the axel of the vehicle.
14. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 12, wherein the tire hanger has an elongated middle section to extend the position of the hook from the horizontal member.
15. (withdrawn) A method to use a tire hanger with a vehicle hoist to support a vehicle tire, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger having a first end, a middle section with a pivotable joint, and a second end with a hook, the method comprising:

engaging the first end configured to attach with the horizontal member to the
horizontal member;
pivoting the middle section until the hook is disposed upwards;
securing the middle section;
moving the tire hanger along the horizontal member until the hook is adjacent to
the mounted tire;
removing the mounted tire from the vehicle, and
positioning the tire to engage the hook through the axel hole of the tire to hold the
tire.

16. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 15, wherein the first end is substantially U-shaped to extend around and secure the tire hanger in place to the horizontal member and the hook is substantially the same height as the axel of the vehicle.
17. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 15, wherein the pivotable joint is rotatable about a single axis or multiple axes to position the tire in a variety of locations relative to the hoist and vehicle and is secured using a bearing assembly, a pin, and a frictional locking device.
18. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 17, wherein the pivotable joint is rotated with a wrap hinge.
19. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 15, wherein the tire hanger has an elongated middle section to extend the position of the hook from the horizontal member.
20. (withdrawn) A method to use a tire hanger with a vehicle hoist to support a vehicle tire, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger having a first

end, a middle section with a pivotable joint, and a second end with a hook, the method comprising:

a means for securing the first end to the horizontal member;

a means for pivoting and locking the middle section until the hook is disposed upwards;

moving the tire hanger along the horizontal member until the hook is adjacent to the mounted tire;

removing the mounted tire from the vehicle, and

positioning the tire to engage the hook through the axel hole of the tire,

whereby the hook holds the vehicle tire at approximately the same height as the axel of the vehicle.

21. (new) A tire hanger for use with a vehicle hoist, the vehicle hoist having a support member, the tire hanging device comprising:

a hoist wrap section arranged to engage to the support member;

a tire hanging section arranged to engage a wheel; and,

a middle section disposed between the hoist wrap section and the tire hanging section,

whereby hoist wrap section is wrapped around the support member and moved to position the tire hanging section at a location selected by a user to hang the wheel.

22. (new) The device of Claim 21, wherein the hoist wrap section is configured to accommodate supports having varying dimensions without the need for fasteners.

23. (new) The device of Claim 21, wherein the tire-hanging section is configured to hold through an axle hole of the wheel.

24. (new) The device of Claim 21, wherein the middle section is configured to accommodate supports having varying dimensions such that the tire hanging section is positioned to receive the wheel.
25. (new) The device of Claim 24, wherein the middle section includes an articulated section such that the tire hanging section is pivotable.
26. (new) A tire hanger for use with a vehicle hoist, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanging device comprising:
- a strip of material having
 - a first end arranged to engage to the horizontal support without the need for fasteners,
 - a second end having a hook configuration to engage a wheel, and
 - a middle section disposed between the first end and the second end and having a length suitable for the hook configuration to engage an axle hole of the wheel.
27. (new) The tire hanger of Claim 26, wherein the hook configuration holds the wheel at approximately the same height as the axle of the vehicle.
28. (new) The tire hanger of Claim 26, wherein the first end is substantially U-shaped to extend around and secure the tire hanger in place to the horizontal member and the middle section is elongated to extend the hook configuration from the horizontal member.
29. (new) The tire hanger of Claim 26, wherein the middle section is articulated to permit the hook configuration to be pivoted from the first end.
30. (new) A tire hanger for use with a vehicle hoist, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger comprising:
- a strip of material having

a first end arranged to engage to the horizontal support without the need for fasteners,

a second end having a hook configuration to engage a wheel, and

a middle section disposed having an articulated joint between the first end and the second end and having a length suitable engaging the second end with an axle hole of the wheel to position the wheel in an approximately vertical orientation.

31. (new) The tire hanger of Claim 30, wherein the pivotable joint includes a bearing assembly, a pin, and a locking device.

32. (new) The tire hanger of Claim 31, wherein the locking device is frictional.

33. (new) A tire hanger for use with a vehicle hoist, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger comprising:

a strip of material having

a U-shaped first end arranged to engage to the horizontal support without the need for fasteners,

a hooked-shaped second end to engage a wheel, and

a middle section disposed between the first and second ends and having a pivotable joint and length suitable for the second end to engage an axle hole of the wheel to position the wheel in an approximately vertical orientation.

34. (new) The tire hanger of Claim 33, wherein the pivotable joint is rotatable about an axis and includes a bearing assembly, a pin, and a frictional locking device to position and hold the wheel in a variety of locations relative to the hoist.

35. (new) The tire hanger of Claim 34, wherein the pivotable joint is rotated with a wrap hinge.

36. (new) A tire hanger for use with a vehicle hoist, the vehicle hoist including a horizontal support member, the tire hanger comprising:
- a strip of material having
 - a U-shaped first end arranged to engage to the horizontal support without the need for fasteners,
 - a hooked-shaped second end to engage an axle hole of a wheel, and
 - a middle section disposed between the first and second ends and having pivotable joint and length suitable for the positioning the second end to engage the axle hole to hold the wheel and to pivot the second end from the first end.
37. (new) The tire hanger of Claim 36, wherein the pivotable joint includes a bearing assembly, a pin, and a frictional locking device.
38. (new) An ergonomic vehicle hoist accessory comprising:
- a hoist connection end configured to be slidably connectable to the vehicle hoist;
 - a wheel support end configured to support a wheel for a tire, and
 - a middle section disposed between the hoist connection end and the wheel support end so as to transfer the weight of the wheel to the vehicle hoist.
39. (new) The accessory of Claim 38, wherein the middle section includes a pivotable joint to pivot the wheel support end from the hoist connection end.
40. (new) The accessory of Claim 39, wherein the hoist connection end is U-shaped, the wheel support end is hooked-shaped, the pivotable joint includes a bearing assembly, a pin, and a frictional locking device.